Schemes for welfare of mentally retarded

†2321. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is being implemented by Government for the welfare of mentally retarded persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allocated for implementation of these schemes during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) Various schemes and programmes for education, vocational training, employment, rehabilitation and other socio-economic activities for empowerment of persons with disabilities including mental retardation are being supported by Government. The amounts allocated in disability sector during the last three years are Rs.203.99 crore in 1999-2000, Rs.261.15 crore in 2000-2001 and Rs.260.54 crore in 2001-2002.

Composite centre under NIMH in NER

2322. SHRI JNDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any composite centre in the North-East Region under the National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped;

(b) if so, how many and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total budgetary allocation and amount allocated and spent during 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) No, Sir.

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